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### Office Action Summary

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**Applicant(s)**

KNOPFLE ET AL.

**Examiner**

MARCUS MENEZES

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**Period for Reply**

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 17-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 17-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 December 2007 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB-08)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114***

The request filed on June 2, 2008 for a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 is acceptable and an RCE has been established. Any previous finality is hereby withdrawn and a new action on the merits follows. Any newly-submitted claims have been added. An action on the RCE follows.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-11 and 17-20 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Golden (US 2,982,162).

Regarding claims 1 and 17, Golden discloses a sleeve handle (10,12,13,16,25,26) comprising: an end that is constructed for mounting the different sleeves thereto; a first arrangement (32) for interacting with a mounted first sleeve; and a second arrangement (18,20) for interacting with a mounted second sleeve; wherein said first arrangement is configured for preventing rotation of the mounted first sleeve relative to said end in both a clockwise direction and a counterclockwise direction and said second arrangement is

configured for permitting guided rotation of the mounted second sleeve relative to said end.

Regarding claims 2 and 18, Golden discloses that said first arrangement is constructed for interacting so as to interact with a complementary arrangement on the first sleeve in a form-locking or frictional-locking manner.

Regarding claim 3, Golden discloses that said first arrangement comprises at least one blocking element (32) for engaging a complimentary blocking element on the first sleeve for eliminating rotation of the mounted first sleeve.

Regarding claim 4, Golden discloses that said blocking element on the first arrangement is configured as a recess or as a projection.

Regarding claim 5, Golden discloses that said first arrangement allows for a rotation-proof fixing of the first sleeve in various angular positions with respect to said handle.

Regarding claim 6, Golden discloses that said first arrangement possesses a plurality of blocking elements, which are spaced apart in the peripheral direction of an imaginary axis of rotation of the first sleeve.

Regarding claims 7, 19 and 20, Golden discloses that said second arrangement possesses a guide element (18) in the form of at least one guide projection or at least one guide groove, which guide element is constructed for interacting so as to interact with a complementary guide element on the second sleeve.

Regarding claim 8, Golden discloses that said guide projection is pretensioned in the direction of the guide groove.

Regarding claim 9, Golden discloses that said second arrangement permits captive but rotatable mounting of the second sleeve at the end of the handle.

Regarding claim 10, Golden discloses that the second arrangement permits captive mounting of the first sleeve and the second sleeve at said end of said handle.

Regarding claim 11, Golden discloses that said handle possesses, at said end which is constructed for mounting the first sleeve and the second sleeve, an aperture (aperture between element 27) into which the first sleeve and the second sleeve can be introduced, and wherein said second arrangement is disposed in a region of a side wall of said aperture.

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to all claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marcus Menezes whose telephone number is (571)272-6284. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vic Batson can be reached on 571-272-6987. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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